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Utilities Services of South Carolina, Defendant/Respondent. NUMBER: 2009 - 102							
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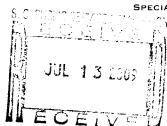
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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator **Public Service Commission of South Carolina** Post Office Box 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Leslie and Mark Hendrix, Complainant/Petitioner v. Utilities Services of South

Carolina, Inc., Defendant/Respondent. Docket No.: 2009-102-W

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on its behalf of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC") are the original and one (1) copy of Defendant's Motion to Strike in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving a copy of these documents upon the parties of record and enclose a Certificate of Service to that effect.

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I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of these documents by date-stamping the extra copy that is enclosed and returning the same to me in the self addressed enveloped enclosed.

If you have any questions, or if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.

Benjamin P. Mustian

BPM/cf Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire Leslie and Mark Hendrix

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THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

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Leslie and Mark Hendrix,)	
Complainants/Petitioners,) MOT	ION TO STRIKE
v.)	
Utilities Services of South Carolin Defendant/Respondent	na, Inc.,)))	

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 and applicable South Carolina law, Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC" or the "Company") hereby moves the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to strike portions of the prefiled direct testimony of complainant. In support thereof, the Company would show as follows:

1. Complainant initiated this action by filing a complaint with the Commission on or about February 27, 2009. On or about June 23, 2009, complainant submitted prefiled direct testimony. Therein, complainant included excerpts from the testimony of Ms. Dawn Hipp of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") as well as an exhibit ("Exhibit") sponsored by Ms. Hipp in Docket No. 2005-217-WS. Complainant Prefiled Direct Testimony, p. 1. Complainant incorrectly attributes the Exhibit as constituting "claims" made by the Company. Additionally, complainant's prefiled direct testimony includes statements attributed to ORS staff and other

residents of Dutchman Shores. <u>See</u> Complainant Prefiled Direct Testimony, p. 4-5, first and fourth unnumbered bullet points.

- 2. USSC submits that the above-referenced portions of complainant's prefiled direct testimony should be stricken as impermissible hearsay. Commission Regulation 103-846.A (Supp. 2008) states that in proceedings before the Commission, "[t]he rules of evidence as applied in civil cases in the Court of Common Pleas shall be followed." South Carolina Rules of Evidence 801(C) defines hearsay as "a statement, other than one made by the declarant while testifying at the trial or hearing, offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted."
- 3. The prefiled direct testimony filed by complainant in this matter contains statements made by persons other than complainant and has been offered to prove the truth of the matter asserted and is constitutes inadmissible hearsay. See SCRE, Rule 802. Therefore, USSC respectfully objects to and moves the Commission to strike the following portions of complainant's prefiled testimony from the record of this case:

Page 1, third unnumbered paragraph, beginning with the sentence "Instead, in Order No. 2006-22..." through page 2, second unnumbered paragraph ending with the sentence "...implementation of the pass through mechanism."

Page 4, first unnumbered bullet point, the sentence "Staff asserts that our..."

Page 5, fourth unnumbered bullet point beginning with the sentence "USSC explained to Staff..." and ending with the sentence ending "...caught this reading up."

4. In the furtherance of administrative economy, USSC respectfully requests that the Commission delay its consideration of this objection and motion until the hearing on the merits in this matter currently scheduled for August 3, 2009.

Wherefore, USSC respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company's Motion to Strike as set forth herein and grant such other relief as the Commission deems proper.

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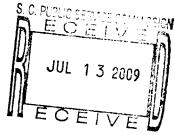
Columbia, South Carolina This 7th day of July, 2009

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SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2009-102-W



IN RE:) ECET
Leslie and Mark Hendrix, Complainant/Petitioner))) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
v.)
Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc., Defendant/Respondent)))

This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of **Defendant's Motion to Strike** in the above-referenced action by placing same in the care and custody of the United States

Postal Service with first class postage affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

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Clark Fancher

Columbia, South Carolina This 7th day of July, 2009.